



# Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**MARYLAND D.A.R.E. DAY**

**APRIL 11, 2006**

- WHEREAS,** *Drug Abuse Resistance Education is the largest drug abuse and violence prevention education program worldwide, reaching 36 million children in 54 countries, including 26 million school-aged children in nearly 80% of America's schools districts; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Having debuted in Maryland in 1986, D.A.R.E. celebrates 20 years of helping children make healthy and wise decisions regarding drug abuse and violence prevention; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Classroom teachers and school administrators in Maryland overwhelmingly rate the D.A.R.E. Officers and their programs as effective, highly effective, or outstanding; and*
- WHEREAS,** *D.A.R.E. uses specially trained federal, state, and local law enforcement, along with education, in a collaborative approach to combat the scourge of drugs and violence facing America's number one resource, our children.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2006 as MARYLAND D.A.R.E. DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 11th day of April  
Two Thousand and six

*Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.*  
Governor

*Michael S. Steele*  
Lt. Governor

*Theresa A. Harris*  
Secretary of State